

Time: 8:47 am
Location: WebEx
Present: Marc Hansen (Chair), Bruce Mayer, Kouroush Parham, Jennifer Cavallari, Yan Riqiang
Absent: Cato Laurencin, Santhanan Lakshminarayanan, Enrique Ballesteros

Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 04/27/23
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Old Business
 - b. None
2. New Business
 - a. Potential bylaws amendment for a change in the membership of the Public Issues Council. Public Issues Council has asked that we consider putting a voting member from the Office of Multicultural and Community Affairs on Public Issues Council.
 - b. A new Health Disparities Institute (HDI) director has been hired. Dr. Hansen stated that HDI's center review will take place in FY24 instead of FY23.
 - c. Dr. Cato Laurencin's new Institute is now a type II center so it will need to be placed on the calendar for center review.
3. Standing Monthly Liaison Reports
 - a. Clinical Council: Dr. Parham

Met on May 23rd. Several positions were approved for new hires mainly in the Department of Medicine and one in Occupational Medicine. The Department of Medicine also launched a rising scholar program which is a program between the chief resident and junior faculty. It is higher than instructor level and the position is supported by Dean Liang. Two positions were approved. The goal is to promote research with Junior Faculty. A Palliative Care position was approved, and Geriatric Medicine had two positions were approved.

There is also a continued space expansion. Simsbury just opened and will also have some specialties as well Internal Medicine. The Brain and Spine Institute is set to open in December 2023. 21 South Road will house Geriatrics. In terms of Financials, the Institution is doing well. April was not a productive month due to increased representation of Medical managed care. Usually, it runs about twenty to twenty one percent, but April represented twenty six percent of their revenue practices, which generally means that the return is a little bit less than the private health insurance reimbursements. Overall, year to date, the institution is three percent ahead of past year at this point.

Other items discussed included questions about administrative time for Clinical Faculty. It was brought to the Clinical Council's attention that Amazon has moved into the Healthcare in Connecticut and that they seem to be shifting the way that administrative time is being allocated to Primary Care Doctors. For every four days of Clinical, they get one day for administrative time, which is almost becoming a standard practice. UConn will need to adapt a similar policy to keep up with competitors. The second item also discussed was that the Operating Room is hiring more surgeons, however UConn does not have enough operating rooms. UConn Health currently has 12 Operating Rooms, however, only has enough staff to support 8 to 9 operation rooms currently.

b. Dean's Council: Dr. Hansen

Met on May 15th. Dr. Liang presented discussion regarding the budget. He explained that UConn Health has been able to get back a significant portion of the shortfall that was in the original proposed budget but, there is still going to be a shortfall in next year's budget.

Dr. Liang also announced the new HDI Director, Dr. Linda Spray Martinez.

c. Education Council: Dr. Mayer

No report given

d. Public Issues Council: Dr. Ballesteros

No report given

e. Research Council: Dr. Hansen

The Council spoke about two separate issues. The first issue is how does the institution want to respond to the new requirements for data sharing and management. They presented a new tool to help you write everything. However, the issue is there are not a lot of good databases to store a lot of non-numerical data. There is also a question of how much data need to be stored. By November 2023, UConn Health hopes to have several new boiler plates in place.

The meeting adjourned 9:47 AM

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Thursday June 22, 2023

8:30 a.m.

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